

"This is a very sad and solemn day for me, and I believe for most Americans.

"First, let me say that I was shocked and disappointed by the resignation of the expected incoming President.

"The Republican majority had the opportunity to do the honorable thing today -- to listen to the President.

"The Republicans' determination to impeach the President -- against the will of most Americans.

"Partisan politics, and politics of personal destruction, must end. Civility, honesty, and justice must prevail.

"We are a strong country, and we will move forward. The President has proven to be a strong leader.

"I strongly believe, that the Republicans, by their efforts today, have shown the American people that they are committed to the rule of law.

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